

## **Transportation & ACE**

**May 21, 2015**

**4:00**

**Members present:** Peter Garrett, Fran Mullen, Jim Wood, Linda Woods

We discussed Waterville's budget committee's decision to withdraw from KVCOG & KVCAP.

Agreed to write a letter to support mass transit (buses)

### Action Items:

Jim: Draft a letter of support for KVCAP to send to the team for approval

Jim: Send stats to Peter

Peter: Write a letter of support as a representative of Maine's Bike/Ped Council

We looked at a map to try to understand John Lombardi's response to Scott Workman's e-mail about a beacon near Gifford's. Further discussion was postponed until Scott & John have made a decision and are present. Maybe Jen Olsen needs to be involved in this conversation if Gifford's counts as part of WMSt's territory.

### Action Item:

John, Scott & Jen (?): Get together and work this through; keep the team updated

Peter presented a draft of the Complete Streets Policy that he made in March.

### Action Item:

Linda: Determine what is the process for getting this policy submitted to the City Council; tell Scott & Peter ASAP

Jim would like to have the people who presented to the Waterville City Council speak to the Fairfield Town Council. Jim, Fran, Peter agreed to speak.

### Action Items:

Joel, Scott, Laura: Contact Jim (& Linda) if you are willing to speak

Linda: Who was the leader of the Health Fair at Lawrence Junior High? Send this name to Peter & Jim (Peter did this. Tammy Diaz)

Jim: Arrange a date (hopefully in June) with Josh

We tabled the discussion building bus shelters in meaningful places. With the current initiative, the buses might be curtailed.

Jim sent a link to the Maine Strategic Transit Plan. If you did not get this and would like to, contact Jim. Portland is devoting \$3M to their public transit. Bangor also invests a lot in their

system. There is a public hearing May 29 from 9:00 to 1:00 at the MDOT Building Rm. 216 (Child St., in Augusta). The final steering committee meeting is scheduled for the same day from 1:00 to 3:00. FMI: Contact Jim.

Action Item:

Everyone: Jim encourages each of you to read this and comment through the MDOT web site.

Peter summarized that the Bicycle Coalition of Maine that proposed a bill (LD 1301) that seems stuck on the term “vulnerable users” (Defined as pedestrians, bicyclers, & those in wheel chairs). It is trying to make bike/ped use friendlier. Peter will provide an update at the next meeting.

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- Waterville Walks (Fran is involved in this.) Planning to hold walks 5:30 on every Thursday at Quarry Rd. until November & every Wednesday at noon led by Jen Olsen & WMSt. They are recruiting leaders.
- South End Trail (Summer St across the cemetery to Water St.) applying for funding for phase 1 in 2015
- South End Island Trail (real name: Leeman Island) just south of Hathaway; using a wet-land mat as a bridge; hope to have completed sometime this summer
- New trail around Winslow schools; maybe this fall?
- Will be presenting to school boards the importance of trails to students  
Peter said that there are no school buses in Russia. Kids walk to school.
- Mike Roy & Peter are hoping for a new trail called the River Walk (north of Head of Falls). They have applied for partial funding through the Waterville Rotary as part of their Centennial Project.

Peter summarized Citizens’ Climate Lobby and will be going to Washington, D.C. to lobby for this proposal. Climate inaction can be “solved” with a proposal that puts a fee on carbon dioxide emissions. The fee comes back as a dividend to all households. This includes adding an import fee to goods that come from countries that do not have this fee. Peter is the chair of the local Citizens’ Climate Lobby. FMI: Contact him.

The next meeting will be scheduled the week the Fairfield presentation. Be watching for a Doodle poll.